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**FORMER BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR**  
**SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING AND RECEIVING IMAGES**  
**OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

*Sentence includes 87-month prison term*

FRESNO - United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that MICHAEL SHAWN CAREATTI, 38, of Bakersfield, California was sentenced today by the Honorable Oliver W. Wanger for one count of distributing and receiving visual depictions of the sexual exploitation of minors. CAREATTI had been employed by the Boy Scouts of America and, at the time of his arrest, was working as a Scout Handler assigned to Camp Kern in Lakeshore, California. CAREATTI previously had been the camp director. The court sentenced CAREATTI to a prison term of 87 months and a supervised release term of three years. The court noted that the number of the images involved in the offense justified the prison sentence, which was the top of the relevant sentencing range. CAREATTI has been in federal custody since his change of plea on May 8, 2006.

The case was investigated by FBI agents in the Baltimore, Bakersfield, and Fresno offices.

Stated United States Attorney Scott, "The targeting of those who would exploit our children will remain a top priority for federal law enforcement."

According to Assistant United States Attorney David Gappa, who prosecuted the case, CAREATTI admitted as part of a plea agreement that on April 22, 2003, he operated a file server program on a computer that allowed users around the world to upload and download images of the sexual exploitation of minors. Users who uploaded images received credits that allowed them to take images from CAREATTI'S computer. The distribution involved material depicting prepubescent minors as well as images of minors engaged in sadistic or masochistic conduct or other violence.

The case began when agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in Baltimore, Maryland, as part of its "Innocent Images" initiative, discovered a file-server program being

operated by someone using the name "Marmmm88." Agents were able to download twenty-two still images and one video file. The images depicted young boys engaged in explicit sexual activities with themselves and other persons, including adults. Several images depicted a young boy with arms and legs tied to a bed with a blanket covering his upper torso. Agents traced the file-server program to an address for a business named EntreSoft. The manager of the building at which the business had operated told agents that CAREATTI had been evicted and that she had discovered pictures of "naked children" within the previously occupied premises.

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